GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `costly equipment faces brunt of SAI apathy` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated September 17, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The facts of the matter are as follows :-

The electronic target machines in question were purchased from M/s SIUS ASCOR AG from Switzerland in December, 2001 to help prepare Indian shooters for forthcoming International competitions. Under the purchase agreement, the manufacturing company has given a warranty of one year for the equipment from the date of its installation. Therefore, there was no question of finalizing an annual maintenance contract (AMC) till the expiry of the warranty period. That would have involved an unnecessary financial expenditure of approximately 8.00 lakhs. Further, in case any agency, other than supplier/agent, handled the maintenance of the equipment during the warranty period, the manufacturer would have raised objections in case of any fault/malfunction arising in the equipment. This is the reason why the manufacturer`s agent, M/s Gem International has been entrusted with the upkeep of the equipment during the warranty period. The equipment, in question, is kept in storage and ! is taken out for use when the national camps are in progress. The agency looking after the upkeep of the equipment is paid only for the days when the equipment is being operated. The process for award of AMC is almost finalised. Besides above, for maintenance of the electronic score board, the AMC for the same has been awarded to the then CMC Ltd. Qualified and competent electronic engineers from CMC visit the ranges regularly, to monitor the functioning of the electronic display boards.

(c) Government is satisfied with the action taken by Sports Authority of India.

(d) Question does not arise.